

WHAT'S *New*



in the Metropolitan Police Department

*A weekly update for residents, visitors,
and workers in the District of Columbia*

Friday, September 23, 2005

MPD SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING, LOCATING ROBBERY SUSPECTS

The Metropolitan Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify two alleged suspects who may be responsible for a series of robberies including the following business establishments:

- Monday, September 19, 2005, McDonald's, 1901 Brentwood Road, NE
- Friday, September 16, 2005, CVS Pharmacy, 3601 12th Street, NE
- Thursday, September 15, 2005, CVS Pharmacy, 660 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
- Wednesday, September 7, 2005, Safeway Store, 415 14th Street, SE
- Monday, September 5, 2005, Giant Food Store, 1050 Brentwood Road, NE
- Wednesday, August 31, 2005, Safeway Store, 322 40th Street, NE
- Monday, August 22, 2005, Albert's Liquor Store, 328 Kentucky Avenue, SE

The alleged suspects wanted in connection with the above offenses are described as follows:

- Suspect One is described as a black male, in his 30s, 5'-8". 5'-9" in height, with a medium complexion and a medium build, armed with a dark colored revolver.
- Suspect Two is described as a black male, 5'-8"-5'-11" in height, medium- to dark-complexioned, weighing approximately 180-200 pounds.

MPDC RECRUITING FOR SEVERAL CIVILIAN CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MPDC is accepting applications for a number of civilian career opportunities in the agency. The most recent postings include four IT Specialists in the Department's Information Technology section. A Crime Analyst in Research and Resource Development, will be responsible for researching and developing statistical information and generating summary reports, preparing presentations of current crime trends and patterns, and preparing other statistical and analytical information. The Project Specialist position in the Human Services Division will be responsible for managing the Supervisory Support Program (SSP) in the Department.

- ⊙ Both suspects may have been operating a gray colored Volvo four-door sedan with a loud muffler and squeaky brakes. There may have been a baby seat in the back of the vehicle. For photos of the suspects, visit the MPD website at:

<http://app.mpd.cdc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=164000>

- ⊙ Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099 or the department's Crime Solvers Unit at 1-800-673-2777. All calls to Crime Solvers are confidential and a caller need not give their name. If a caller provides information through Crime Solvers that leads to an arrest and indictment, that caller will be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Get more information about Crime Solvers at:

<http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/crimesolvers>

- ⊙ For information, including requirements, salaries, and application procedures and guidelines, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/civilianemploy>

- ⊙ The MPDC also offers volunteer opportunities with the Police Reserve Corps. Learn more at:

<http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/reservecorps>

- ⊙ For information on career opportunities for sworn police officers, including lateral-hire officers from other agencies, call the Police Recruiting Unit toll-free at (800) 994-MPDC (6732), or (202) 727-2767, or visit our website at

<http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/join>

SUCCESS STORY: BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH INITIATIVE IN GREENWAY COMMUNITY

On August 16, 2005, PSA 603 Lieutenant Samuel Snyder and several of his officers, along with ANC 7A-06 Commissioner Eddie Rhodes, Patricia Bennett, Betty Robinson and other residents of the 100 block of 36th Street, SE held a 'Back to School' event for the youth in that area. This initiative brought out youth and adults from the entire area. Commissioner Rhodes and the residents prepared and distributed more than 75 packets of school supplies for youth, Grades 1-12. These packets, which were purchased and donated by Commissioner Rhodes and other residents, were distributed until they ran out. In addition to school supplies, literature was distributed for youth and parents on drug prevention and intervention and avoiding gang violence.

Officer Jose Rodriguez from the Special Operations Division Mounted Patrol Unit gave rides and demonstrations on how to handle horses. Officers Alfred Tyler, David Moran, Ryan Bobick and Patrick Hogan from the Mountain Bike Unit interacted with the youth and gave pointers on the importance of staying in school and pursuing a career. Officer LaVern Miller wore the McGruff costume and attracted the older youth more so than the younger ones. They spent considerable time trying to figure out what kind of dog he was and how old he was in dog years. The rain didn't hamper the spirit of those there.

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT

As our lives have become more integrated with technology, keeping our private information confidential has become more and more difficult. Your personal information is regularly requested by others, partially completed credit card applications arrive in the mail almost every week, and electronic transactions have become commonplace. Although all of these changes have the potential to simplify our lives, they can also make it easy for someone to take advantage of the situation and steal your identity. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, and sometimes one of the more difficult crimes to investigate and solve. The Identity Theft section of the MPDC's website provides examples of identity theft, offers tips on how to protect your personal information and contains various resources that can help you combat identity theft. It also provides steps on what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

NEWS & NOTES

Street Closures. Due to the upcoming World Bank/IMF meetings and anti-war march, some downtown streets will be closed and parking restrictions will be in effect. Get all the details at: <http://app.mpd.cdc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=165000>.

Swinging Fore the Kids September 27. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington are holding a golf tournament on Tuesday, September 27. The tournament, which benefits all area Boys and Girls Clubs, will be held at Potomac Ridge Golf Course in Waldorf, Maryland with a shotgun start beginning at 8:45 am. Register online at <http://www.mdgolf.com>.

- Commissioner Rhodes stated that, "in all of his years of living here, this was a first for this area". Now he is committed to doing more of these kinds of events. The adults enjoyed the mounted horse as much as the youth.
- See pictures from this event and read other success stories at: <http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/success>

- To access the MPDC's identity theft section, go to: <http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/identitytheft>
- DC residents who have been identity theft victims may contact the MPDC's Financial Crimes and Fraud Unit at (202) 727-4159. The address is 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 3019, Washington, DC, 20001.

DATA BOX

Homicides as of 9/16/05

- ◆ 2005: 139
- ◆ 2004: 141
- ◆ % Change: -4.1%
- ◆ Closure Rate: 52% (72 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 9/17/05

- ◆ Total: 1,176
- ◆ Drugs: 234
- ◆ Weapons: 19
- ◆ Motor Vehicle Theft: 16
- ◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 66

Juvenile Activity week end. 9/17/05

- ◆ Arrests: 44
- ◆ Curfew Violations: 87
- ◆ Truants: 106

Firearm Recoveries as of 9/14/05

- ◆ September: 92
- ◆ 2005 Total: 1,705

Traffic Fatalities as of 9/23/05

- ◆ 2005: 33
- ◆ 2004: 38
- ◆ % Change: -13.2%

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to KEVIN MORISON, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov. Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with Crimereports.com.

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